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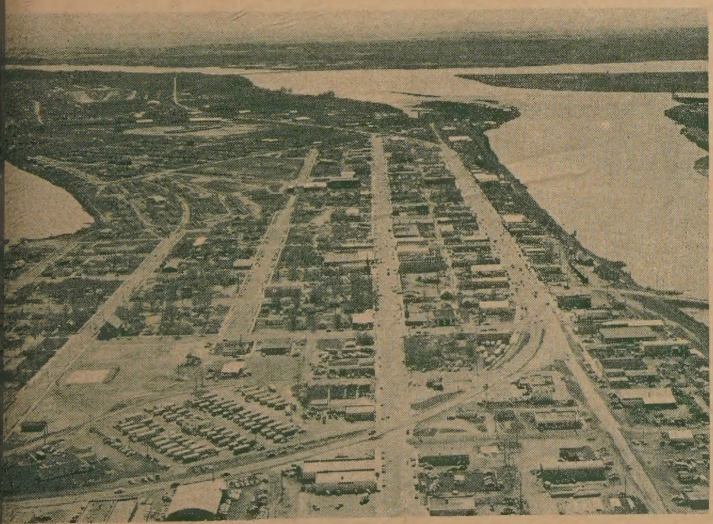

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LET US PRAY

Archie H. Hook
Superintendent and Minister

We cannot read the controversial news topics in our daily papers today in the fields of religion, politics, race, sports and others too numerous to mention, without a feeling of bewilderment. Our close friends, often with apparently sane reasoning, may take the opposite viewpoint from ours. If we read and re-read the 12th Chapter of Romans, however, we surely must experience anew the right to differ but the necessity to love.

Jesus was always seeking to discover new ways of meeting life's problems: through conversations, t h r o u g h experiences, through prayer; but we never find him uttering stubborn, negative statements, nor were any of his teachings without reason. He preached unceasingly of the Kingdom of God, which in the light of knowledge which is ours today, might easily be based on and encompassed by the chapter in Romans referred to above.

We all like to feel secure; we like to be appreciated and we like to be understood. On the other hand we need to be sure that we are sensitive to the appreciation of what our brother is doing; that we are emerging from our self-centeredness so as to understand the thoughts and experiences of others.

Dr. Henry Hodgkin, one of the founders of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, suggested the following resolutions, which are both timely and timeless, and with which the sincere Christian would find it difficult to differ:

I will always seek to discover the best and strongest points in my brother's behavior.

I will give him credit for sincerity.

I will try to avoid classifying him, and assuming that he has all the characteristics of the class to which he is supposed to belong.

I will emphasize our agreements.

When others criticize, I will try to bring out favorable points.

When there is misunderstanding, either I of him, or he of me, I will go to him direct.

I will seek opportunities to pray together.

I will try to remember that I may be mistaken and that God's truth is too big for any one mind.

I will pray for those from whom I differ.

Richmond Beach Receives Wonderful Gift

The newly purchased site of our Richmond Beach Church north of Seattle.

A gift of $10,000 toward the new Building Fund was announced at the Christmas Day service of Richmond Beach Church. The donor specified that use of the fund was to be deferred until the amount has been equalled by gifts from others. A wonderful site two fifths of a mile from the present location on 15th Avenue N.W. and West 197th Street has been purchased. It is approximately two acres and has upon it a fine brick house which can be easily used as a parsonage. The location is more central to the area which the church is now serving. Cost of the property including house was $27,500. The present parsonage will be sold to help pay for the new property.

A central building committee has been selected and is now at work. Selection of an architect will be made before long. Mr. James W. Garrison is Chairman. Other members include Robert Hadlock, C. J. Hedman, Harold Wahlfors, Harold Worthington, Mrs. Harold Worthington, Mrs. Frank Rogers, Mrs. Wayne Smuck, Mrs. Robert Temple, Mrs. Lena Voreis. The Rev. Franklin G. Forrester is Minister.

Note: The brick house beyond the sign is on the northern part of t property. The large cedar tree right front is on the property. Al the western edge of the site i grove of fir trees which exte more than half way toward back. The property is at a b intersection.

Recognition Service For James F. Estes

Many church notables gathered Sunday evening, February 5, for Recognition service for the R James F. Estes in the Commun Congregational Church of Pri River, Idaho. Those taking act part in this solemn, impressive c emony were: Rev. William F. We wood, Odessa; Rev. Theron Zimm man, Spokane; Rev. Albert Phill Metaline Falls; Lee Johnson, Pri River; and Mr. Hollis Rice of Hillyard Congregational Chur Spokane.

Music was furnished by the Jun and adult choirs of the local chu with a vocal solo by Mrs. Rob Beaudoin. A social hour follow the worship. Mr. Estes comes Priest River from Lowell, Washi ton.

Another "Great Hour" In March

"Sharing" is a typically Christian rd, though it is probably as old religion. It was also a typically ristian mind that first suggested the churches some years ago the a of joining in "One Great Hour Sharing" during Lent, when we d to be more mindful of our rd's spirit and his will for us.

Most of us are now familiar with plan — setting aside, meal by al or day by day, special amounts mark a Lenton spirit of sacrifice. accumulate these in coin boxes envelopes as offerings to be ought to the church on a given when we join with millions of ier Christians in "One Great ur" of sharing with people around world who are traveling the ericho Road" of need, of hunger d homelessness, and of hearts ging for love.

This year the "Hour" suggested the worship service of March 11. of the Congregational fellowship annel our gifts through our Con-egational Christian Service Committee (CCSC), a part of Our Christian World Mission.

With a letter from Earle Ballou, the Executive Secretary, every minister received a poster or two, samples of coin box, offering envelope, and materials that can be ordered for church-wide use, including the children's story of "Traveling Sam."

What your church gives will be a part of your total giving to Our Christian World Mission.

WHEN RETREAT MEANS FORWARD

For several years our Conference laymen have taken a day or two to go off by themselves, away from daily work and telephones and traffic, to a "Retreat" where they can think and pray and counsel together about important spiritual things. They consider such matters as being a Christian in the complexities of an atomic age, the value of the Church to personal and community life, the relevance of the Bible to living, the work of trustees and deacons in the church, and how laymen can better advance the whole Kingdom of God.

The Fifth Annual Retreats are scheduled for April 14 and 15 at N-Sid-Sen Camp (for east-side men) and for April 21 and 22 for west-side men. It was hoped that our new Pilgrim Firs Camp would be ready to use by the latter dates, but at this writing the Camp Committee of our Conference tells us it will not be available before the Summer Conference season.

The Retreats begin on Saturday afternoon and close with dinner Sunday noon. Announcements concerning program, personnel and particulars about cost and what to bring will be mailed out. The important thing just now is to have laymen in each local church save the dates and line up reservations and carloads of transportation. Any man who will "retreat" with other laymen on these dates will be better able to "go forward" in his church this year.

NEWS OF CHURCHES

TACOMA, PILGRIM

At the church's Annual Meeting, Mr. Herbert Hartman, who has been Chairman of the Church Building Fund reported that $1,300.00 remained out of the original building fund amount. The church voted to use this money to provide for a parking lot for the convenience of the church members. In recognition of his service to church and community, Mr. Hartman was presented a plaque which will be placed in the dining hall of the church as a tribute to him. The dining hall has been called Hartman Hall.

Another very significant event in the life of the church has been the organization of a new Couples Group on January 27th. Twenty-one persons attended the organization meeting and in a spirit of wonderful fun and fellowship the group looks forward to a vital part in the life of Pilgrim Church. The Reverend Edward H. Hastings is the minister of the church.

SEATTLE, ALKI

The Alki Congregational Church was fortunate recently when a property immediately adjacent to the present property of the church became available to them for purchase. A four-room home on a lot 40x120 at 3412 62nd Avenue Southwest was offered to the church by the owners, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Carlson. By unanimous action of the Board of Trustees and approval of the church, the property was purchased in early January. This purchase will increase the holding of the church at its present location by one-third. The purchase was made in anticipation of expansion of the church and should help to meet the zoning and building code restrictions which a church always faces when it expands its building facilities.

Rikimatsu Hideshima, left, a Shinto pr has been converted to Christianity. H we find him looking at a Bibical pass with the Rev. Ai Chih T'sai, ministe Seattle Japanese Congregational Chu Mr. T'sai baptised Mr. Hideshima and wife at a Sunday morning service in uary.

CARNATION

Carillonic bells, a gift of Elbri Hadley Stuart, in memory of parents, Mary Horner and Elbri Amos Stuart were dedicated Sunday, January 29th. The se ice of dedication was held as p of the morning worship serv after which the "bells" rang out the first time. They can be used the Chapel itself, or broadca throughout the entire commun Each day at noon and again in evening at 6:00 they will be rung a reminder of the spirit of church throughout the communit

This set of bells is very simi to those given by Mrs. Stuart to Walla Walla Church and they make a very meaningful addition the quiet and beautiful valley.

CHURCHES OF WEST SEATTLE

enten School of Religion

On each of the Tuesday evenings Lent, beginning with February 21, ie Annual Lenten School of Reli-ion is being held at the Fauntleroy hurch. The series of courses this ear are built around two major nemes, "Building for Christian Mar-age" and "The Renewal of Life hrough Prayer."

The first of these courses will be d by the Reverend Troy M. Strong, nd will include an emphasis of tudy intended primarily for mar-ed couples. Some of the questions be discussed would include, "What akes a Marriage Christian," "How an the Tensions and Stresses of arried Life Contribute to the rowth and Strength of each Family ember," "What and Where are the pecial Resources Available for uilding a Christian Home?"

The second course will emphasize ersonal renewal through prayer and ill include sessions dealing with ie questions of "Adoration," "Con-ssion," "Petition," "Mental Prayer" nd "Communion." This second ourse will be led by Dr. John B. agee, Professor of Religion at the ollege of Puget Sound.

It is anticipated that this year's ries will be even more widely re-ived and well attended than the cord breaking series of last year. Our four West Seattle churches are in the sporsorship of the chool of Religion.

EATTLE, GREEN LAKE

"Our parsonage was really spark-ng for the arrival of our new mini-er and his wife, the Reverend eorge Snyder. Much praise is due the many church members who ntributed labor toward the clean-that was so badly needed." So re-rts the last issue of the Greenlake eattle Beacon.

New picture windows were installed in the living room, downstairs bedroom, and kitchen. The roof was patched and new gutters and downspouts added to the rear of the house. The living room, dining room, kitchen and two bedrooms received fresh paint. All woodwork and venetian blinds were cleaned. Furnace work and basement floor drains fixed. The kitchen as well as having a new ceiling, has all new cabinets.

The Greenlake Church can be proud of having their parsonage in tip-top shape for the arrival of their new minister and his family. May all of our other churches of the Conference follow Greenlake's outstanding example.

Spokane, Westview

Evelyn Bogar, chairman of the New Church Committee of the Westview Church, Spokane, talking over plans of the church with Alden Corsor, left, and Kenneth Beal. Corsor and Beal are both members of the committee.

Mrs. Bogar is the only woman chairman of a New Church Committee in the Extension Program. Her leadership in Westview has enabled the church to move rapidly on its way to becoming a full-fledged church.

The crutches and the caste? Oh—Mrs. Bogar had an accident with a bobsled! She certainly has been able to stay with the sled, though, in matters relating to the Westview Church.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FESTIVAL

A World Fellowship Festival conducted at the First Congregational Church, W Walla, Washington, from Wednesday, January 25 through Sunday, January 29, inclu a display of a dozen posters interpreting Our Christian World Mission and the Chu Extension Program of the Washington Conference. The events of the Festival w designed to include people of various ages and interests.

In the accompanying picture are representatives of the various activities. In back row are Maralta Osborne (Mrs. Floyd), Associate in Christian Education, coordinated the participation of the Church School, and Don Mayer, member of Congregational College Club, which served an International Dinner. In the middle from left to right are Florence Harbert (Mrs. George), president of the Wom Fellowship which sponsored a tea and review of Creston Donald Ketchum's book, " Path Is in the Waters"; Carrie Reynolds, in charge of research of the posters exhibit; Sally Meadowcroft (Mrs. Niel), general chairman of the Festival; Louise Wo worth (Mrs. Charles), chairman of the Commission on Missions; Franklin Elliott, minis and Neil Meadowcroft, moderator of a panel discussion on Indian American Issues a Church Dinner program. In the foreground are Paul and Billy Krapfel whose fa was one of those which saw "A People Without Fear" on Saturday evening and t participated in the World Fellowship folk dance.

For the four day period of January 25 through January 29 our Walla Walla Church was the scene of a very unique and outstanding celebration. Beginning with t Church dinner on Wednesday e ning the 25th and continuing throu the Pilgrim Fellowship meeting

unday evening of the 29th, the en-re membership of the church were onscious of the World Fellowship utreach of the Christian Church.

For the celebration booths were repared and exhibits readied so hat the members of the church ould be able to understand more illy the world wide scope of the hristian Fellowship. All of the pro-rams were aimed at a better under-tanding of a Christian's responsi-ility in our world today.

On the first evening, a panel pre-entation was made on the subject f "Our Northwest Indian Ameri-ans; a consideration of their pres-nt status and future." Three out-tanding leaders discussed the ques-ion. They were Robert L. Whitner, ssistant Professor of History and urator of the Museum of Northwest listory at Whitman College; Charles . Luce, Attorney for the Umatilla ribes; and Louise M. Elk, Chair-an of Indian Affairs of the Oregon ederation of Women's Clubs and ember of the Board of Northwest ffiliated Tribes. One of the con-lusions reached by the panel was hat complete withdrawal of the Fed-ral Government from the affairs of he Indian tribes as proposed in everal termination bills which were assed by Congress last year is not he best answer to the many prob-ems which beset the American In-ians at the present time. The mem-ers pointed out that few, if any ribes are now ready for complete ndependence and that results of uch a cutting off of Government rotection could well be distastrous. Moreover, they pointed out, such a tep would be in direct violation of ong standing treaties signed by the overnment with the various tribes. Moreover, there are many poverty-tricken and illiterate Indians who re not ready for any end to pro-ection and supervision. The panel greed that no such treaty or con-ract should be changed by unilater-l action of the Government. Other ighlights of the program included book review by Mrs. Judd Kimball f "His Path is in the Waters." Also on Saturday evening, an International Supper was held and the motion picture, "A People Without Fear" was shown. During the evening International Folk Dancing was enjoyed by all.

The overall theme for this years Festival was "Conditions that make for Peace." The celebration was under the sponsorship of the World Fellowship Festival Committee, a subcommittee of the Commission of Missions of the Church.

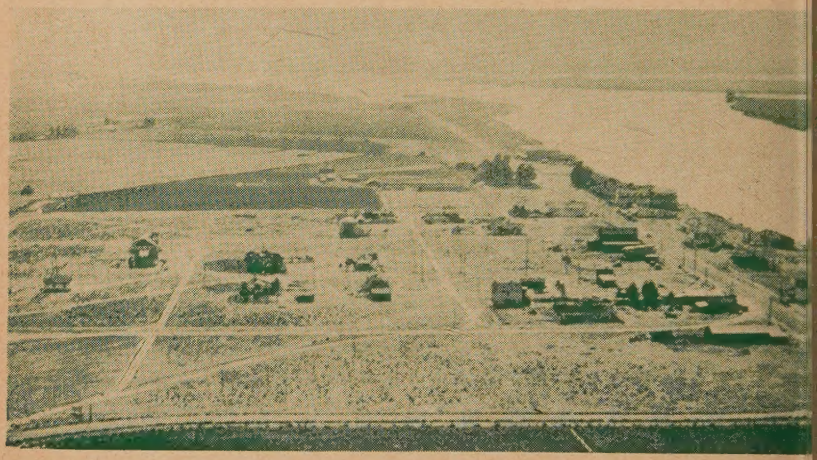
1956 Western Pastor's School

The 1956 Western Pastor's School will be held at La Foret, Colorado Springs, July 4th to August 1st. Once again there will be an outstanding faculty. Dr. Allen G. Wehrli of the E & R Seminary at Eden will again return to give the lectures on the Bible. Douglass Horton, Dean of Harvard Divinity School will give the course in theology. He will be accompanied by his wife, Mildred McAfee Horton, former Dean of Women at Oberlin and former President of Wellesley, who will also give several lectures. Another person of prominence who will lecture to the school is Dr. Proculo A. Rodriquez, Bishop of the United Church in the Philippine Islands. Grace Storms will lead the course in Religious Education.

The registration will be limited to fifty. Ten wives only will be accepted and those who wish to bring their wives are advised to apply at once. For all ministers, room and board and transportation in excess of $15.00 will be paid by the Board of Home Missions. Last year eight ministers from our Conference attended. Ministers interested in attending or churches interested in having their minister attend are urged to contact Dr. Hook.

Cliff Rich, a member of Fauntleroy Church, Seattle who is studying for the Christian Ministry at Pacific School of Religion has been appointed Minister of Visitation at the First Methodist Church, of Oakland, California.

A Congregational Church in Moses Lake's Futur



Usually pictures like these—the "before" and "after" type—represent a span at least a half century. But in the case of Moses Lake the span is only a decade. T top picture is the dinky little desert town of Moses Lake in 1945. Below is the sa town, picture taken from almost the same spot in 1955. The difference in the two p tures, of course, is the Columbia Basin development, and over 12,000 people!

It is so the church can keep pace in situations like this that the Church Extensi Fund has been established. Allocation for a Congregational Church in Moses Lake w granted on February 5.

Perhaps the next stop on the Church Extension line in the Washington Conference will be Moses Lake.

Have you been to Moses Lake recently? It is a grown-up town now, you know, and still growing fast. Last reports listed 12,500 people. But that was two months ago. Lots of things have happened in Moses Lake since then.

One of the things that has happened there is the granting to the Congregational Church an allocation in Moses Lake by the Washington Council of Churches and by the Mid-Columbia Council in which Moses Lake is located.

In effect, then, the Congregational Church is being invited to start a church in this fast growing Columbia Basin town. It may be well to state, however, that the town of Moses Lake is hardly a town any longer. It is very nearly a city, and has taken over leadership among the Basin communities. It is now quite certain that Moses Lake will be the metropolis of the Basin country.

When the Congregational Church will be able to begin its work in Moses Lake will depend in considerable extent on the progress of the Church Extension Fund. Already, however, scouting is being done to spot a strategic site upon which to build a church in the future, and plans for a survey of various sections of the city are being laid.

The gifts from the churches to the Church Extension Fund will make it possible to establish this church in the metropolis of the desert.

TACOMA LENTEN SERIES

Our Congregational churches of the Tacoma area have united again this year for their Annual Lenten Series. Our churches at Steilacoom, Lakeview, and the Tacoma churches of First, Plymouth, Pilgrim and Evangelical again have the privilege of sharing together in worship, inspiration and fellowship at this Lenten season.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Our Conference is cooperating wholeheartedly with the Washington Council of Churches in the sponsoring of this year's series of 15 Vacation Church School Institutes. It is impossible for any one denomination to provide opportunities for training in organization and carrying out a Vacation Church School in each local church or even in the widely scattered areas of our conference. We rejoice at our chance to share in this cooperative adventure in planning for Vacation Church Schools. This year's three teams will be composed of leaders from the Methodists, Disciples of Christ, Evangelical and Reformed as well as our own. Our three Congregationalists serving will be Miss Drusilla Potts, Director of Christian Education in Bellingham; Mrs. Helen Dean, Director of Children's Work in Yakima, and the Rev. John H. Gibson, Conference Minister of Christian Education. The dates and places of the meetings which will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. are:

Monday, April 9
West, Bellingham; Central, Richland; East, Chewelah.

Tuesday, April 10
West, Silverdale; Central, Yakima; East, Spokane Valley.

Wednesday, April 11
West, Hoquiam; Central, Ephrata; East, Colfax.

Thursday, April 12
West, Centralia; Central, Leavenworth; East, Lewiston.

Friday, April 13
West, Vancouver; Central, Omak; East, Dayton.

Other Vacation Church School Institutes will be sponsored in Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. All churches are urged to take advantage of this wonderful training opportunity by having VCS leaders present at the session in your area.

OCWM GOALS ACHIEVED IN 1955

This is by way of introducing and congratulating the list of churches in our Conference who in 1955 gave to Our Christian World Mission an amount equal to their suggested goal. We commend them on their record. Their excellence lies not in the amount given, for that varies with size and ability of churches, but rather in the concern and sacrifice it represents. In no church is the reaching of such a goal an easy thing. It always represents prayer, concern and work on the part of pastor and people.

In these days of acute need for the Christian Gospel in our own land and across the world, an important gauge of church success in furthering the Kingdom of God is our concern for and giving to Missions. If a congregation is alert to its world mission and gives sacrificially to it, it is fulfilling in a very important sense the Great Commission of Jesus.

The churches which achieved or exceeded their suggested OCWM goals for 1955 were:

Bellingham
Dayton
Ferndale
Forks
Lakeview
Lummi Island
Olympia
Port Angeles
Seattle, Fauntleroy
Seattle, Keystone
Seattle, Plymouth
Seattle, Prospect
Seattle, University
Summit Park
Suquamish
Tacoma, First
Vancouver
Walla Walla, First
Wallace
Warden

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Finding Your Place in Life" w
be the theme of the Annual Seni
High Pilgrim Fellowship Conferen
this year. The Pilgrim Felowsh
CB's of University Congregation
Church will be the hosts to th
Conference which begins on Frida
April 6 through Sunday, April 8.

The Reverend Gordon L. Foste
Minister of the Mill Valley, Califo
nia Community Church will b
the keynote speaker for the Co

ference. Mr. Foster has served hi
present church since 1947 and is on
of the outstanding speakers fo
Youth Groups on the West Coast.

Other significant events of th
Conference will be the election o
the Conference Pilgrim Fellowshi
officers, delegates to the Nationa
Council of Pilgrim Fellowship Meet
ing to be held at Doane College
Crete, Nebraska in June and a con
sideration of a new Conference Pil
grim Fellowship Constitution.

Between 400-450 PF'ers from th
far corners of Washington an
Northern Idaho are expected t
make this Conference the larges
one in the history of our Pilgrim
Fellowship. Young people in the
10th, 11th and 12th grades are eligi
ble to attend. Total cost for registra
tion and meals is $4.50. All Pilgrim
Fellowship groups in attendance
must be accompanied by an adult
advisor.

GIFT FROM BOSTON TO HELP EASTGATE PROJECT

The Congregational Churches in New England help churches way out west get going! That was a pattern that was in vogue for a century or so and through its working many churches on the Pacific Coast have been given substantial aid.

The fact that the pattern is still alive was illustrated last week when a check on the Chemical Corn Exchange Bank of New York City to the amount of $300.00 was received by the Conference Office. It was clearly labeled "Special Gift from Massachusetts Women's Home Missionary Union for Eastgate Church, Seattle."

So once again, wonderful people from New England have given a real gift to a new church clear across the continent.

The story of the gift seems to go something like this: Dr. Ira Black, congenial and efficient gentleman in charge of much of the Church Extension work in the New York office of the Board of Home Missions, happened to be making a presentation of Extension work in the Congregational fellowship. During the course of his remarks he used Eastgate as an illustration of what goes in this field. So what did the good ladies do? Just up and wrote out a check for $300 for Eastgate, that was what!

A letter has gone this week to the Massachusetts Woman's Home Missionary Union from a grateful committee at Eastgate. It seems that the check came just as the hard pressed committee was scrounging around trying hard to figure out ways and means of buying a duplicator and some very necessary office equipment. There was no money left in the treasury from the offering taken on Sunday from the 62 worshippers that had met in the school house. That money had already gone to pay rentals and bills.

There was no money left from the monthly aid check received from the Washington Conference and the Board of Home Missions. That all went to pay the all too small salary of Rev. Franklin Kelsey, the minister.

The fact was that there just was no money—period. Then the windfall from the wonderful women of Massachusetts! If this article should ever be read by anybody who lives in Massachusetts, please know that the Eastgate people shall forever be grateful.

RICHLAND BUILDING COMMITTEE ON A FENCE

Looking over the site of the new church in Richland are (from l. to r.), Louis C. Turner, Minister of the Church; George Hugg, Building Committee Chairman; George Hurst, Finance Chairman, and William Shanks, Chairman of the Church Board. Recently the government has released the site for purchase by our church. The Building Fund Campaign will be directed by Mr. LeRoy Eide of our National Staff in March.

Conference to Host Communication Workshop

Laymen and ministers will have an opportunity to learn more about using mass media of communication in a Communication Workshop to be held at Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, April 22 to 27, 1956.

Sponsored by our National Office of Communication, the Workshop will feature lectures and work groups during which participants will actually create programs, write news releases, and work out statements of communication policy applicable to their own situation. Work groups include public relations, television, radio, press, and utilization of audio-visual material. In addition each participant will have opportunity for private analysis and instruction in speech.

The material to be covered by the work groups is as follows:

Public Relations. What are public relations? Planning the church or church agency public relations program. Methods and media in public relations. How to prepare promotional material for church program, fund raising, etc.

Television. How to plan programs. Audience analysis. Script writing. Actual production of programs at studios of KOMO-TV, Seattle.

Radio. What is the place of radio in religious use of the mass communications media? Radio audiences for religion. Program planning. Script writing. Actual production of programs.

Press. Religious news—how to create it, write it and get it into the newspapers. Press relations as a part of public relations. Function and use of the religious press.

Audio-Visual Utilization. How to use motion pictures, film strips, records, flat pictures, exhibits, etc., in the program of the church. How to integrate audio-visuals in the program of the church. Content analysis of films, filmstrips, etc. Standards for choice of audio-visual material. Demonstration of current material.

Speech. Practice in public speaking. Each workshop participant will receive private instruction in speech. Recordings will be made for self criticism.

Our Conference, which is cooperating with the Office of Communication in sponsoring the Workshop, will provide lodging for all Congregational Christian participants in that Workshop who request it.

In order to make the Workshop as practical as possible the men and women who attend will have an opportunity to work on their own local problems and projects as "assignments" in the work groups.. Each person will have the benefit of expert guidance and criticism in developing programs and plans. Workshop participants also benefit from learning what others are doing and exchange ideas on an informal basis.

The faculty of the Workshop will include such outstanding leaders as Mrs. Frank S. Cralle, Associate Professor of Speech, Berkeley Baptist Divinity School; Kenneth L. Holste Director of the National Lutheran Service, Pasadena; Erik Modean Director of the National Lutheran Council's News Bureau; and Everett C. Parker, Director, Office of Communication, Congregational Christian Churches and others to be announced.

Total cost for the workshop is a $5.00 registration fee. Scholarship assistance will be available to all ministers who attend. Further information can be secured from the Conference office.

Come to Annual Conference

May 8-9-10

Pullman, Wash.

CONGREGATIONAL NEGRO COLLEGES IN THE SOUTH

(Editor's Note: As this issue of the Congregational Way was going to e printer's, the following article came to my desk. In the face of recent cial disturbances on some college campuses, I felt that this statement ould replace our usual calendar of Coming Events for this issue.)

New York, February 8:—A call r "Vigorous and extensive" new pport of privately endowed Negro lleges in the South in the face of brogation of civil liberties by ose responsible for public educa- on in Alabama" was issued today the Rev. Dr. Truman B. Douglass, ecutive Vice-President of our oard of Home Missions in a report the staff of the Board.

"The unchecked hooliganism on e campus of the University of labama, the inability of the Uni- rsity authorities to control the tuation, and the refusal of the ate government to aid the admin- tration of one of its own institu- ons in an attempt to maintain any mblance of law and order—all in- cate the extent to which devotion the aims of education has been bordinated to the single purpose maintaining the barbarism of so- al caste.

Congregational Christian Churches rough the American Missionary ssociation, have established more an 500 schools and colleges in the outh and now support six major lleges for Negroes: Dillard Uni- rsity, New Orleans, Louisiana; isk University, Nashville, Tennes- e; Houston - Tillotson, Houston, exas; LaMoyne, Memphis, Tennes- e; Talladega, Talladega, Alabama; nd Tougaloo Southern Christian, ougaloo, Mississippi. Other Protest- nt Groups now maintain more than 0 liberal arts colleges attended pri- arily by Negroes.

"I know of no church-related col- ge for Negroes that has bowed to he vicious forces of segregation," r. Douglass said. "Consider in con- rast to the state controlled Univer- ity of Alabama, Talladega College the center of this same state. **rom the day of its founding by ongregationalists, ninety years ago, its doors have been open to students of all racial and cultural backgrounds. It has consistently maintained a multi-racial faculty, even in the face of drastic segregation laws.** While it has given its primary attention to providing educational opportunities to Negro young people who would otherwise be deprived of them, it has frequently enrolled white students in its classes. Unlike many of the Negro colleges which have emphasized vocational training—often at the level of the trades school—on the assumption that only a limited number of occupational opportunities were open to Negroes, Talladega has always provided a broad liberal arts training in the conviction that Negroes of ability should be encouraged to prepare themselves for any occupation or profession in modern society."

The churches, Dr. Douglass pointed out, have not always had a good record in dealing with the problem of race. "They have followed policies that have often been halting, timid and ethically muddled," he said. "But," he continued, "in this field of collegiate education for Negroes they have performed an incomparable and indispensable service to America. These institutions are vastly more than colleges for Negroes. **In some parts of the South they are today the only existing centers of higher learning opposing a movement to make education as subservient to cultural blindness and superstition as it was in Nazi Germany.** These colleges require vigorous and extensive support by America's Protestant churches. We need to move forward on two fronts —to maintain the institutions we already have and to insure free access to college education for Negroes in public institutions," he concluded.

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